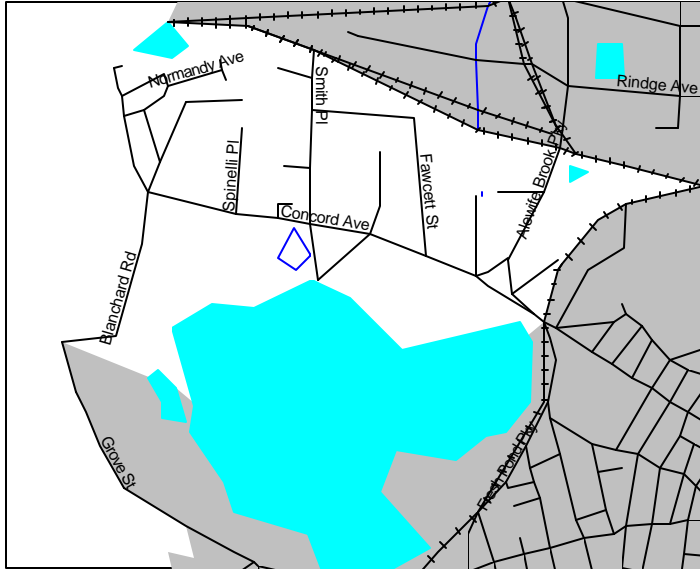
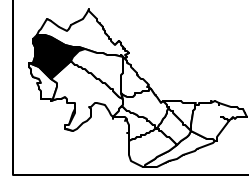


NEIGHBORHOOD 12 HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 582 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

A vested interest in preventing crime paid off for citizens in the Highlands, where no **housebreaks** or **street robberies** occurred throughout the entire 1st Quarter. The area's low residential population is likely a contributing factor to its incredibly low crime rate. For the past 20 years, its target crime totals have ranked the lowest or second lowest among all Cambridge neighborhoods. • **Auto thefts, malicious destruction of property crimes, and larcenies from motor vehicles** were relatively scarce this year, as well. All three of the larcenies from motor vehicles occurred in the parking lots of 168 and 186 Alewife Brook Parkway. Four of the five malicious destruction incidents involved random damage to cars. All five incidents occurred on weekends in the latter half of March. • The sole **drug** arrest occurred after police were flagged down for a possible overdose. The Waltham man was later arrested after officers found methadone in his pockets.

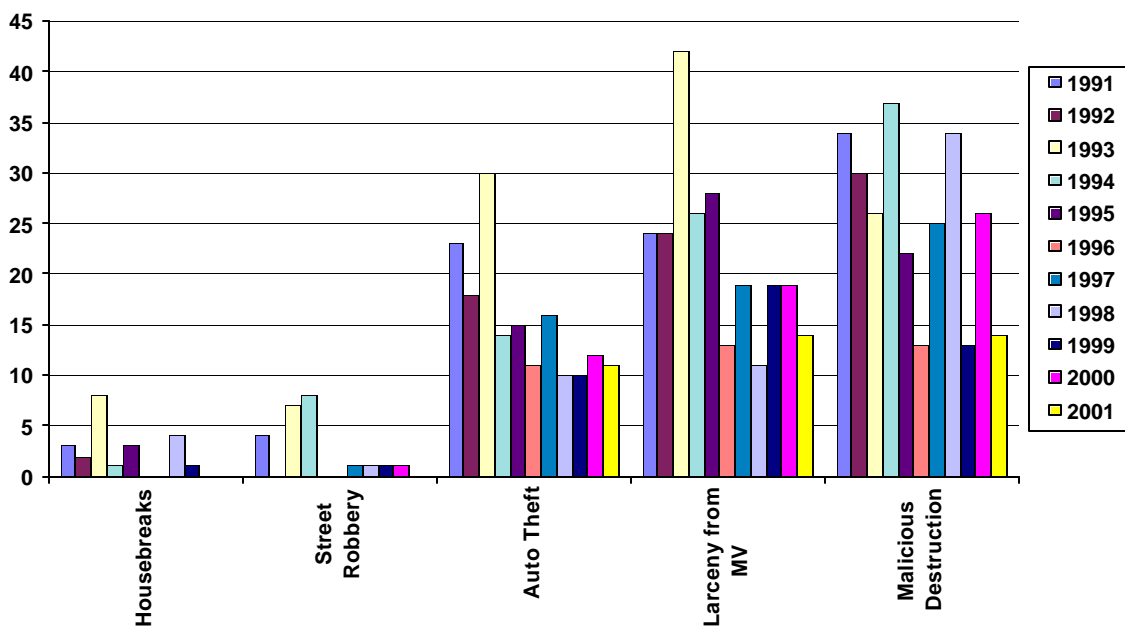
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	1 st Q 2001	1 st Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	0	0	N.C.
Street Robbery	0	0	N.C.
Auto Theft	3	2	-33%
Larceny from MVs	3	3	N.C.
Malicious Destruction	3	5	+67%
Drug Arrests	2	1	-50%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	13
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13
Auto Theft	54	11	16	11	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	23	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	26	12	12

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest